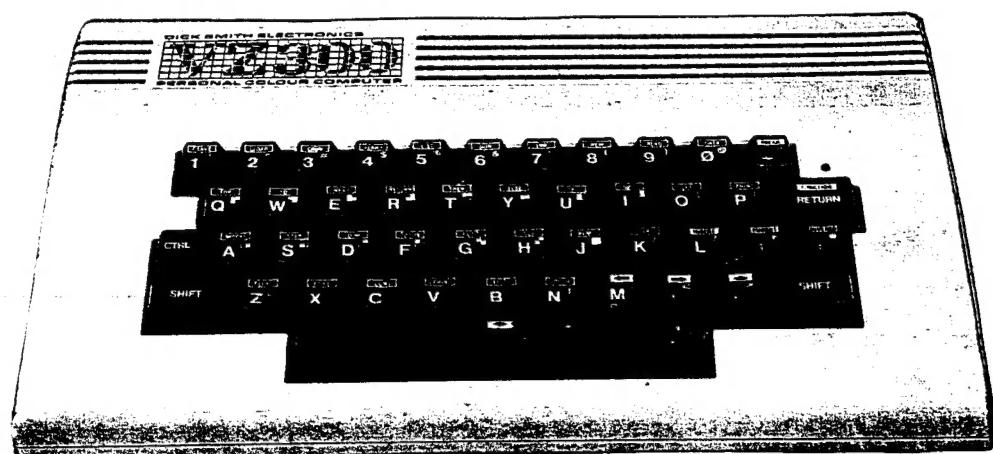


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 My son (17) takes great delight in telling everybody that he taught his Dad all he knows about computers. I wish it wasn't half true. Anyone like to adopt him as he'll be up for adoption soon.
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10 *****
20 /* HINTS AND TIPS FOR PSEUDO INPUT@, SIMPLE TIME DELAY NOT */
30 /* USING A LOOP AND USING THE ELSE STATEMENT - BY JOE LEON */
40 *****
50 :
60 CLS:GOSUB100:GOTO10
100 CLS:PRINT@249,"Y":PRINT@230,:INPUT"ARE YOU SURE Y/N ";A$
120 IF A$="N"THEN900ELSEIF A$="Y"THEN800ELSE100
800 PRINT@360,"YOU PRESSED 'Y'":SOUND30,1;20,1;0,5:RETURN
900 PRINT@360,"YOU PRESSED 'N'":SOUND30,1;20,1;0,5:RETURN

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Most persons with a computer can learn some programming techniques just by studying someone else's programs. It's how I learned and am still learning. And now to the hints.

INPUT@ :-

The VZ does not have this command, but it is easy to simulate.

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100 PRINT@230,:INPUT"ARE YOU SURE Y/N ";A$
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The trick is to put a 'PRINT@230,:' before your INPUT statement.

FLASHING CURSOR OVER Y OR N :-

If you typed in the little program and RUN it you will notice that the CURSOR is flashing over the 'Y'. Again it's simple to achieve. The tip is to PRINT the 'Y' before the INPUT command. Study Line 100 on how it's done.

TIME DELAY :-

Although the VZ has a wiped out TIME\$ command, but unfortunately no processing routine for it. So instead of using a loop there is another way. EG :- SOUND0,5 . By using a '0' for the first SOUND parameter we have a simple time delay. See Lines 800 and 900 for examples. The second SOUND parameter can be from 1 to 9, with 1 giving shortest delay, 9 the longest.

Using the ELSE Statement :-

By using ELSE in Line 120 we have compacted to one line what normally would take two or three. EG :-

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120 IF A$="N"THEN900ELSEIF A$="Y"THEN800ELSE100
120 IF A$="N" THEN 900
130 IF A$="Y" THEN 800
140 GOTO 100

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As you can see by using ELSE we eliminated two Lines, saved memory space and the program will RUN faster. The program as it is will not accept any INPUT except for a 'Y' or 'N'. Lines 100 and 120 are heart of routine while the other lines demonstrate routines action.

The COLON (:)

As you may have noticed the colon is by itself in line 50. It can serve two functions used that way.

- 1) To reserve Line/s for future use.
- 2) To use as a divider between routines in your programs. See the HI-RES house LISTING in this issue for a perfect example. A "''' (Short form REM) could also be used, but it takes three bytes as against one for the COLON.

PROGRAMME EXPLANATION OF HI-RES DRAWING ROUTINES

Lines 20 to 80 describe the programme and gives the choice of gable or round roof on the house.

Line 80 sets the value of 'R' at '0' for gable roof or '1' for round roof.

Line 100 sets graphic mode.

Lines 110 to 170 establishes background colour.

Lines 200 to 250 draws path.

Line 220 causes the path to slant to the left.

Lines 255 to 290 draws front wall of house.

Line 295 sets colour of roof.

Line 300 selects roof shape.

Lines 305 to 330 draws gable roof.

Lines 340 to 375 draws a round roof using the trigonometrical functions of sine (SIN) and cosine (COS). As the trig. functions in the VZ are in radians the angle value must be divided by 57.2957 in Line 345 prior to applying the function.

Lines 380 to 490 draws the fence.

Lines 500 to 600 draws the door.

Lines 610 to 820 draws the windows.

Lines 860 to 950 draws the trees.

Line 1000 keeps the VZ in graphics mode by providing an endless loop to prevent the VZ returning to text mode.

Line 2000 provides an option for disk drive owners to save the Hi-Res picture of the house to disk. Just put a REM in front of GOTO in Line 1000.

NOTE :- As the program consists of quite a few subroutines you could type in line 1000 after line 180 was typed in. Then you could RUN the program to see what the first subroutine does and do the same for each subsequent subroutine. It may help you to understand how SET(X/Y) works.



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2 *****
4 * HI-RES DRAWING ROUTINES FOR GABLE OR ROUND ROOF HOUSE *
6 * BY DON ISLES - MEMBER OF HUNTER VALLEY VZ USERS' GROUP *
8 *****

10 :
20 CLS:PRINT:PRINT" THIS PROGRAMME IS DESIGNED TO"
30 PRINT" DRAW A HOUSE, FENCE AND TREES."
40 PRINT" YOU HAVE CHOICE OF ROOF SHAPE, GABLE OR ROUND."
50 PRINT:PRINT
60 PRINT" PRESS MEASURE FOR GABLE ROOF"
70 PRINT:PRINT" OR":PRINT
80 INPUT" PRESS M THEN MEASURE FOR ROUND ROOF ";R
90 :
95 ''DRAW BACKGROUND

100 MODE(1)
110 COLOR 3
120 FOR Y=0 TO 60
130 IF Y=17 THEN COLOR 2
140 IF Y=57 THEN COLOR 4
150 FOR X=0 TO 120
160 SET(X,Y)
170 NEXT X:NEXT Y
180 :
195 REM''DRAW PATH
200 B=40:C=5
210 FOR Y=47T056
220 B=B+1:C=C+.15
230 FOR X=BTOB+C
240 SET(X,Y)
250 NEXTX:NEXTY
251 :
252 REM''DRAW WALL
255 COLOR3
260 FOR Y=46T025STEP-1
270 FOR X=20T065
280 SET(X,Y)
290 NEXTX:NEXTY
291 :
292 REM''DRAW ROOF
295 COLOR4
300 IF R=1 THEN 340
305 B=16:C=69
310 FOR Y=24 TO 12 STEP -1
315 B=B+2:C=C-2
320 FOR X=B TO C
325 SET(X,Y)
330 NEXT X:NEXT Y
335 GOTO 379
340 FOR M=20 TO 90 STEP 2
345 N=M/57.2957
350 L=COS(N)*27
355 Y=SIN(N)*14
360 FOR X=0 TO L
365 SET(42+X,29-Y)
370 SET(43-X,29-Y)
375 NEXT X:NEXT M
377 :
379 REM''DRAW FENCE
380 COLOR1:FOR Y=51 TO 54 STEP 3
385 FOR X=0 TO 44
390 SET(X,Y)
395 NEXT X:NEXT Y

400 FOR Y=51 TO 54 STEP 3
410 FOR X=61 TO 120
420 SET(X,Y)
430 NEXT X:NEXT Y
440 FOR X=0 TO 45 STEP 5
450 FOR Y=49 TO 56
460 SET(X,Y)
470 NEXT Y:NEXT X
475 FOR X=60 TO 120 STEP 5
480 FOR Y=49 TO 56
485 SET(X,Y)
490 NEXT Y:NEXT X
495 :
499 REM''DRAW DOOR
500 FOR Y=46 TO 37 STEP -1
510 FOR X=40 TO 45
520 SET(X,Y)
530 NEXT X:NEXT Y
535 COLOR 4
540 FOR X=39 TO 46 STEP 7
550 FOR Y=46 TO 37 STEP -1
560 SET(X,Y)
570 NEXT Y:NEXT X
580 FOR X=39 TO 46
590 SET(X,36)
595 NEXT X
600 SET(41,41)
602 :
605 ''DRAW WINDOWS
610 COLOR 2
620 FOR Y=31 TO 39
630 FOR X=26 TO 30
640 SET(X,Y)
650 SET(X+29,Y)
660 NEXT X:NEXT Y
690 COLOR 4
700 FOR Y=30 TO 40 STEP 5
710 FOR X=26 TO 30
720 SET(X,Y)
730 SET(X+29,Y)
740 NEXT X:NEXT Y
780 FOR X=25 TO 31 STEP 6
790 FOR Y=30 TO 40
800 SET(X,Y)
810 SET(X+29,Y)
820 NEXTY:NEXTX

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850 REM * " [REDACTED] * "
860 FOR Y=41 TO 34 STEP -1
870 SET(80,Y)
875 SET(107,Y)
880 NEXT Y
890 COLOR 1
900 B=69:C=91
905 FOR Y=33 TO 12 STEP -1
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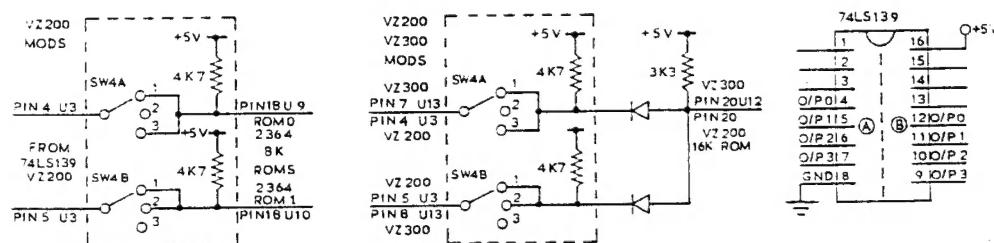
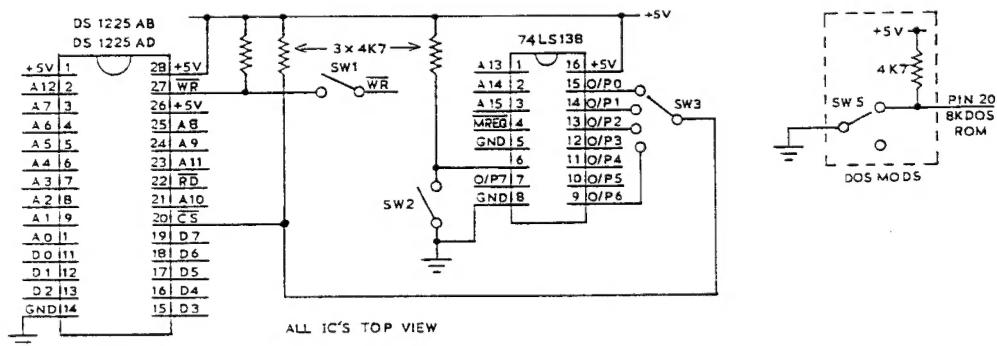
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910 B=B+.5:C=C-.5
920 FOR X= B TO C
930 SET(X,Y)
940 SET(X+27,Y)
950 NEXT X:NEXT Y
1000 GOTO 1000
2000 BSAVE "HOUSE",7000,77FF
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OK BUILT IN BATT. RAM BY JOE LEON



The 2K ZERO Power Ram featured in issue #12 has it's uses. It fills up the 2K gap nicely left by the DOS. One of it's limitations is the small memory size available. This article deals with an 8K version. Like the 2K one the 8K Ram also has Built In LITHIUM Batteries and will be referred to as 8K BIB (Built In Batteries) Ram. Data retention in the absence of power is over 10 years after which it behaves like a normal CMOS Ram.

Non Disk Drive owners will most likely put the 2 Rams in the 10K Cart. area. Although the 8K BIB Ram can be used there it can be put to more productive work.

This 8K BIB Ram will prove to be most useful in activating all the hidden commands/functions in the Basic Roms or enhancing the DOS. Imagine being able to change at will any command or routine or replace them with your own. The Basic and DOS Roms are full of bugs which persons who know how will be able to fix.

Before proceeding with the article I would like to point out that you'll need the Technical Reference Manual for reference and trouble shooting. And now to the project. There are five circuits although two are very similar and we'll deal with each one in turn.

8K BIB RAM CIRCUIT :-

The 74LS138 is configured to decode in 8K blocks. Using SW3 (Switch 3) you can place the 8K BIB Ram in the following memory locations. 0000H-1FFFH (Rom 0), 2000H-3FFFH (Rom 1), 4000H-5FFFH (Dos Rom) and at C000H-DFFFH.

If you have a VZ200 then you may have to select a lower O/P than O/P 6. the idea of having the 8K BIB Ram at higher memory is to be able to transfer the contents of one of the 3 lower 8K blocks for modification. Then when it's done, switch out one of the 8K blocks and switch in the 8K BIB Ram in it's place for testing.

Switch 1 is the WRITE ENABLE/DISABLE Switch. Close to WRITE, Open to WRITE PROTECT.

Switch 2 is optional. It allows you to disable the 8K BIB Ram. Close to disable, Open to enable.

VZ200 MODS CIRCUIT :-

MOST VZ200's have 2X8K Basic Roms. These will have to be disabled or enabled in turn as shown in the diagram. For both Roms the CS (Chip Select) line must be cut and the circuit within the broken line box inserted. Switch 4 is Double Pole Triple Throw type.

Switch position 1 - Rom 0 and Rom 1 are enabled.

Switch position 2 - Rom 0 is disabled and Rom 1 is still enabled.

Switch position 3 - Rom 0 is re-enabled while Rom 1 is disabled.

NOTE :- Any switching must be done with the power off except for Switch 1 which can be used any time.

VZ 200/300 MODS :-

This circuit is for VZ 200/300 with 16K Rom's. The decoder (U3-74LS139) in VZ200 and (U13) in VZ300 send out Rom 0 and Rom 1 CS signals. They are ANDed together by the DIODE AND GATE which is fed into the CS input pin of the 16K Rom. The same switch arrangement as with the previous mod. applies. No tracks have to be cut as it is easier to unsolder one end of the DIODE and make your connections to that end making sure it is the correct end. In the vacated hole from the DIODE you can put in the switch lead.

DOS MOD :-

This is even simpler to achieve. Cut the track between pin 20 of the 8K Rom and Ground and insert Resistor and Switch as shown in the circuit.

U3 - 74LS139 VZ200 DECODER :-

Unlike the 74LS138 this is a Dual Decoder. I labelled each half 'A' and 'B' respectively. Side 'A' is configured to decode in 8K blocks while side 'B' decodes in 2K blocks.

Before proceeding further a bit of an explanation on decoding and CS (Chip Select) about which I had some enquiries. I'll use the 74LS138 as an example.

The INPUTS decide what size blocks it will decode in. Starting with O/P 0 to O/P 7 each O/P goes to zero volts in turn activating each Ram/Rom the O/P's are connected to. Only one Ram/Rom can be active at any one time. The CS select pin has to be taken to zero volts to activate the particular Ram/Rom. So inversely if we want to deactivate a Ram/Rom we can use a pull up resistor to +5V as shown in the circuits.

In the tables below the addresses are given for each decoded block for both the 74LS138 and 74LS139 decoders.

74LS138 decoder	74LS139 decoder
O/P 0 - 0000H-1FFFH (ROM 1)	O/P 0 - 0000H-1FFFH (ROM 1)
O/P 1 - 2000H-3FFFH (ROM 2)	O/P 1 - 2000H-3FFFH (ROM 2)
O/P 2 - 4000H-5FFFH (DOS ROM)	O/P 2 - 4000H-5FFFH (DOS ROM)
O/P 3 - 6000H-7FFFH	O/P 3 = 6000H-7FFFH - Side A ↑
O/P 4 - 8000H-9FFFH	O/P 0 - 6000H-67FFH - Side B
O/P 5 - A000H-BFFFH	O/P 1 - 6800H-6FFFH - Side B
O/P 6 - C000H-DFFFH	O/P 2 - 7000H-77FFH - Side B
O/P 7 - E000H-FFFFH	O/P 3 - 7800H-7FFFH - Side B

The 74LS139 in the VZ200 has two unused outputs of particular interest to us.

O/P 1 - Pin 6, side A - 4000H-5FFFH (8K Block)
O/P 2 - Pin 12, side B - 6000H-67FFH (2K Block)

You'll notice that's the 10K Cartidge area. I used the 2K decoded O/P for the 2K Zero Power Ram as described in last issue which saved me building a decoder. I'm lazy, if it's already there I'll use. Why reinvent the wheel. Happy hacking.

BASE CONVERTER BY DAVE MITCHELL 9

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0 '*****  
1 '* CONVERT DEC TO HEX TO BINARY TO LO-BYTE AND HI-BYTE *  
2 '* MODIFIED AND ENHANCED FOR THE VZ BY DAVE MITCHELL *  
3 '* *****  
4 :  
10 POKE30862,0:POKE30863,114:POKE29184,243:POKE29185,201  
20 POKE30777,1:Z$="  
30 CLS:PRINT" THIS UTILITY WILL DISPLAY THE EQUIVALENT";  
40 PRINT" VALUES OF DECIMAL, HEX AND BINARY ON THE SCREEN"  
50 PRINT" AND TO THE PRINTER."  
60 PRINT@164,"LINE ENTER DECIMAL VALUE"  
70 PRINT@228,"LINE ENTER BINARY VALUE"  
80 PRINT@292,"LINE ENTER HEX VALUE"  
90 PRINT@356,"LINE ENTER L.S.B.& M.S.B."  
100 PRINT@420,"LINE ENTER FLINE"  
110 AA$=INKEY$:A$=INKEY$:IFA$=""THEN110  
120 SOUND30,1  
130 IFA$="A"THENGOSUB180:GOSUB230:GOTO110  
140 IFA$="B"THENGOSUB180:GOSUB240:GOTO110  
150 IFA$="C"THENGOSUB180:GOSUB250:GOTO110  
160 IFA$="D"THENGOSUB180:GOSUB720  
170 GOTO110  
180 PRINT@0,Z$:PRINT@32,Z$:PRINT@64,Z$:PRINT@96,Z$  
190 PRINT@0,"DECIMAL =":PRINT@32,"HEX ="  
200 PRINT@64,"BINARY =":PRINT@96,"L.S.B. ="  
210 PRINT@113,"M.S.B. =":RETURN  
220 PRINT@448,Z$:RETURN  
230 GOSUB410:GOSUB540:GOSUB260:RETURN  
240 GOSUB470:GOSUB540:GOSUB260:RETURN  
250 GOSUB620:GOSUB420:GOSUB260:RETURN  
260 PRINT@480,"PRINT OUT LINE";  
270 AA$=INKEY$:A$=INKEY$:IFA$<>"Y"ANDA$<>"N"THEN270  
280 SOUND30,1  
290 PRINT@480,"";  
300 IFA$="N"THEN400  
310 IFC<=32767THEN330  
320 LPRINT"DECIMAL VALUE =C;"( " ;INT(C-65536) ; " ):GOTO340  
330 LPRINT"DECIMAL VALUE ="C  
340 LPRINT"HEX VALUE =";H1$  
350 LPRINT"BINARY VALUE =";C$  
360 LPRINT"LEAST SIGNIFICANT BIT=";E2  
370 LPRINT"MOST SIGNIFICANT BIT =";E1  
380 REM LINE 309 LPRINTSTRING$(20,46)  
390 LPRINTSTRING$(20,46)  
400 C$="":H1$="":RETURN  
410 B$="":PRINT@448,"ENTER DECIMAL VALUE";:INPUTD:C=D:GOSUB220  
420 X=USR(0):B=D/2:D=INT(B):IFB=DTHENB$="0"+B$ELSEB$="1"+B$  
430 IFD>0THEN420ELSEPRINT@74,B$  
440 C$=B$:B$=""  
450 PRINT@9,C:IFC<=32767THENRETURN  
460 PRINT@20,CHR$(104);";C-65536;CHR$(105):RETURN  
470 D=0:PRINT@448,"ENTER BINARY ";:INPUTB$:C$=B$:GOSUB220  
480 X=USR(0)  
490 FORI=LEN(B$)TO1STEP-1:IFMID$(B$,I,1)="1"THEND=D+2^(LEN(B$)-I-1)  
500 NEXT:PRINT@74,C$  
510 IFD<=32767THEN530  
520 PRINT@20,CHR$(104);";INT(D-65536);CHR$(105)  
530 PRINT@9,D:C=D:D=0:B$="":I=0:RETURN  
540 X=USR(0):AD=C  
550 B=INT(AD/256):E1=INT(B):GOSUB580:H$=B$  
560 B=AD-(256*B):E2=INT(B):GOSUB580:H$=H$+B$  
570 PRINT@42,H$:H1$=H$:PRINT@105,E2:PRINT@121,E1:RETURN
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580 H=INT(B/16):L=B-(H*16):B$=""
590 D=H:GOSUB600:D=L:GOSUB600:RETURN
600 IFD>9THENB$=B$+CHR$(55+D)ELSEB$=B$+CHR$(48+D)
610 RETURN
620 PRINT@448,"ENTER HEX EG. 0000 ";:INPUTH$:H1$=H$:GOSUB220
630 X=USR(0):H$=RIGHT$(H$,4)
640 HH$=LEFT$(H$,2):GOSUB680:E=H*256:E1=H
650 HH$=RIGHT$(H$,2):GOSUB680:E=E+H:E2=H
660 PRINT@42,H1$:D=E:C=E:B$="":PRINT@105,E2:PRINT@121,E1
670 RETURN
680 H=0:A$=LEFT$(HH$,1):GOSUB700:H=D*16
690 A$=RIGHT$(HH$,1):GOSUB700:H=H+D:RETURN
700 D=ASC(A$):IFD<58THENEND=D-48ELSED=D-55
710 RETURN
720 B$="":PRINT@448,"ENTER LSB. ";:INPUTS:GOSUB220
730 PRINT@448,"ENTER MSB. ";:INPUTM:GOSUB220:X=USR(0)
740 D=S+256*M:C=D:S=0:M=0:GOSUB420:GOSUB540:GOSUB260:RETURN

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VZ MODS INFORMATION BY ROSS WOODS

MODIFYING VZ 200 / 300 16 K RAM EXPANSION

Use of the VZ200 RAM PACK will give only 6K EXTRA to the VZ 300 COMPUTER. To get the FULL 16K with VZ300 we refer you to an article by STEVE OLNEY in ETI, FEBRUARY 1986, (Page 71-74). The modification involves "PIGGYBACKING" of an extra IC, a (74LS00) and cutting of ONE PCB TRACK. (It is possible to fit a SWITCH SO THAT IT CAN BE USED WITH BOTH VZ 200 / 300 COMPUTERS).

On the other hand you may want to use a VZ300 RAM PACK with a VZ200 COMPUTER, the details of this modification is normally supplied together with the instructions for the RAM PACK from DICK SMITH ELECTRONICS. It involves moving LINKS on the PCB. (It may be possible to fit a SWITCH SO THAT IT COULD BE USED WITH BOTH VZ 200 / 300 COMPUTERS).

INCREASING VZ 200 / 300 INTERNAL MEMORY

SUPER II VZ200 MODIFICATION - ETI PROJECT 687

The SUPER II 34K MEMORY BOARD REPLACES THE VZ 200 INTERNAL 6K MEMORY BOARD. The new Top of MEMORY now is 'FFFF'. This Project was PUBLISHED in ETI JULY 1986, Pages 55-60 by MATTHEW SORREL. It uses 4 x 8K & 1 x 2K MEMORY chips on a PCB REPLACING THE VZ200 INTERNAL 6K MEMORY PCB.

FOR those who have a VZ 300 and require FULL EXPANSION to Top of MEMORY 'FFFF' there was an article in ISSUE Number 3, Page 12-13 by Dave Boyce in the Hunter Valley VZ Users' Group Newsletter (Now known as HUNTER VALLEY VZ JOURNAL).

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Most of the VZ's BASIC words that were never enabled in the VZ have dedicated processing routines in ROM. Each of these words is listed along with its token code, its start address in the WORD TABLE, and the start address for the routine that processes it. The routine addresses are listed in decimal, then in LO HI format (where address = LO+HI *256) and in hex.

NOTE :- Continued on next page . . .

TOKEN ADD.	ROUTINE TOKEN WORD	ROUTINE DEC	ADDRESS LO	ADDRESS HI	ROUTINE WORD	TOKEN ADD.	ROUTINE TOKEN WORD	ROUTINE DEC	ADDRESS LO	ADDRESS HI	ADDRESS HEX
5712	128 END	7598	174	29	1DAE	5983	192 VARPTR	NO	ADDRESS	LIST	
5715	129 FOR	7329	161	28	1CA1	5989	193 USR	NO	ADDRESS	LIST	
5718	130 RESET	312	56	1	0138	5992	194 ERL	NO	ADDRESS	LIST	
5723	131 SET	309	53	1	0135	5995	195 ERR	NO	ADDRESS	LIST	
5726	132 CLS	457	201	1	01C9	5998	196 STRING\$	NO	ADDRESS	LIST	
5732	134 RANDOM	467	211	1	01D3	6010	198 POINT	NO	ADDRESS	LIST	
5738	135 NEXT	8886	182	34	22B6	6020	200 MEM	NO	ADDRESS	LIST	
5742	136 DATA	7941	5	31	1F05	6023	201 INKEY\$	NO	ADDRESS	LIST	
5746	137 INPUT	8602	154	33	219A	6029	202 THEN	NO	ADDRESS	LIST	
5751	138 DIM	9736	8	38	2608	6033	203 NOT	NO	ADDRESS	LIST	
5754	139 READ	8687	239	33	21EF	6036	204 STEP	NO	ADDRESS	LIST	
5758	140 LET	7969	33	31	1F21	6040	205 +	NO	ADDRESS	LIST	
5761	141 GOTO	7874	194	30	1EC2	6041	206 +	NO	ADDRESS	LIST	
5765	142 RUN	7843	163	30	1EA3	6042	207 *	NO	ADDRESS	LIST	
5768	143 IF	8249	57	32	2039	6043	208 /	NO	ADDRESS	LIST	
5770	144 RESTORE	7569	145	29	1D91	6044	209 ^	NO	ADDRESS	LIST	
5777	145 GOSUB	7857	177	30	1EB1	6045	210 AND	NO	ADDRESS	LIST	
5782	146 RETURN	7902	222	30	1EDE	6048	211 OR	NO	ADDRESS	LIST	
5788	147 REM	7943	7	31	1F07	6050	212 >	NO	ADDRESS	LIST	
5791	148 STOP	7953	169	29	1DA9	6051	213 =	NO	ADDRESS	LIST	
5795	149 ELSE	7943	7	31	1F07	6052	214 <	NO	ADDRESS	LIST	
5799	150 COPY	14610	18	57	3912	6053	215 SGN	2442	138 9	09BA	
5803	151 COLOR	14493	157	56	389D	6056	216 INT	2871	55 11	0B37	
5808	152 VERIFY	14136	56	55	3738	6059	217 ABS	2423	119 9	0997	
5814	153 DEFINT	7683	3	30	1E03	6062	218 FRE	10196	212 39	27D4	
5820	154 DEFSNG	7686	6	30	1E06	6065	219 INP	10991	239 42	2AEF	
5826	155 DEFDL	7689	9	30	1E09	6068	220 POS	10229	245 39	27F5	
5832	156 CRUN	14126	46	55	372E	6071	221 SQR	5095	231 19	13E7	
5836	157 MODE	11875	99	46	2E63	6074	222 RND	5321	201 20	14C9	
5840	158 SOUND	11253	245	43	2BF5	6077	223 LOG	2057	9 8	0809	
5845	159 RESUME	8111	175	31	1FAF	6080	224 EXP	5177	57 20	1439	
5851	160 OUT	11003	251	42	2AFB	6083	225 COS	5441	65 21	1541	
5854	161 ON	8044	108	31	1F6C	6086	226 SIN	5447	71 21	1547	
5911	175 LPRINT	8295	103	32	2067	6089	227 TAN	5544	168 21	15AB	
5920	177 POKE	11441	177	44	2CB1	6092	228 ATN	5565	189 21	15BD	
5924	178 PRINT	8303	111	32	206F	6095	229 PEEK	11434	170 44	2CAA	
5929	179 CONT	7652	228	29	1DE4	6129	239 CINT	2687	127 10	0A7F	
5933	180 LIST	11054	46	43	2B2E	6133	240 CSNG	2737	177 10	0AB1	
5937	181 LLIST	11049	41	43	2B29	6137	241 CDBL	2779	219 10	0ADB	
5942	182 DELETE	11206	198	43	2BC6	6141	242 FIX	2854	38 11	0B26	
5948	183 AUTO	8200	8	32	2008	6144	243 LEN	10755	3 42	2A03	
5952	184 CLEAR	7802	122	30	1E7A	6147	244 STR\$	10294	54 40	2836	
5957	185 CLOAD	13910	86	54	3656	6151	245 VAL	10949	197 42	2AC5	
5962	186 CSAVE	13481	169	52	34A9	6154	246 ASC	10767	15 42	2A0F	
5967	187 NEW	6985	73	27	1B49	6157	247 CHR\$	10783	31 42	2A1F	
5970	188 TAB(NO	ADDRESS	LIST		6161	248 LEFT\$	10849	97 42	2A61	
5974	189 TO	NO	ADDRESS	LIST		6166	249 RIGHT\$	10897	145 42	2A91	
5978	191 USING	NO	ADDRESS	LIST		6172	250 MID\$	10906	154, 42	2A9A	

The WORD TABLE divides into three parts.

Words from END (token 128) to NEW (token 187) are all words that must begin a BASIC statement if they are used at all. Some (such as END, CLS, NEW, STOP) must stand alone as the entire BASIC statement. Others (NEXT, PRINT, RUN, etc.) may stand alone as an entire statement or be the primary word of an extended statement. Each of these words has a two byte pointer in the POINTER TABLE that follows the WORD TABLE. The pointer contains the address (in LO HI format) of the routine that executes the word (don't worry, its quite official--our VZ is no murderer).

Words from SGN (token 215) to MID\$ (token 250) are all words that cannot occur at the start of a BASIC statement. Each has a pointer in the POINTER TABLE which precedes the WORD TABLE, where again the pointer addresses a processing routine (execute!) for that word.

Words from TAB((token 188) to < (token 214) do not have pointers in either of the POINTER TABLES. They are executed by the primary words of statements in which they occur. Strictly speaking it is the tokens that do all the dirty work. The words are just there for the convenience of the human operator. imagine trying to figure out a program listing which only displayed tokens.

5640 to 5711: ROUTINE POINTER TABLE 1

5712 to 6177: WORD TABLE

6178 to 6297: ROUTINE POINTER TABLE 2

NOTES ON PROGRAM WORDS FROM LAST ISSUE :-

When the program is RUN, tokens 205 to 208 and 212 to 214 designate words that display on screen as graphic characters. The program is accurate. The first byte of each word being in inverse form to mark the start of a new word. This is strictly true for words which begin with alphabetical characters, the majority, but not for those few words that consist of nonalphabetical characters. A more accurate wording would be:-

"The first byte of each word being the ASCII character code + 128 to mark the start of a new word." For alphabetical characters, adding 128 to the ASCII code will yield the inverse character code. Most BASIC words begin with an alphabetical character, so most of the words in the WORD TABLE will begin with an inverse character. However, a few BASIC words consist of a single nonalphabetical character: +,-,*,/,>,=,<

They too are represented in the WORD TABLE by the ASCII code + 128, but this does not yield the inverse character codes. On the VZ, for those characters with ASCII codes less than 64, the inverse character code is the ASCII code + 192. Still, when the VZ BASIC INTERPRETER comes across one of these words in the WORD TABLE, it subtracts 128 to get the ASCII code.

Add this line to the WORD program to get it to identify the few BASIC words that consist of single, nonalphabetical characters:-

38 IFP<192ANDP>159THEN PRINT"WORD IS ";CHR\$(P-128);

NOTE :- See next page for printout using the added line 38.

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5712 128:197E 78N 68D	5976 128:129 . 0
5715 129:198E 790 82R	5978 129:213L 83S 73I 78N 71G
5718 130:210L 69E 83S 69E 84T	5983 130:129 . 0 0 0 0 0
5723 131:211L 69E 84T	5989 131:213L 83S 82R
5726 132:195L 76L 83S	5992 132:129 . 0 0
5729 133:129 . 0 0	5995 133:129 . 0 0
5732 134:129 . 0 0 0 0 0	5998 134:129 . 0 0 0 0 0 0
5738 135:206L 69E 88X 84T	6005 135:129 . 0 0 0 0
5742 136:196L 65A 84T 65A	6010 136:208L 790 73I 78N 84T
5746 137:201L 78N 80P 85U 84T	6015 137:129 . 0 0 0 0
5751 138:196L 73I 77M	6020 138:129 . 0 0
5754 139:210L 69E 65A 68D	6023 139:201L 78N 75K 69E 89Y 36\$
5758 140:204L 69E 84T	6029 140:212L 72H 69E 78N
5761 141:199L 790 84T 790	6033 141:206L 790 84T
5765 142:210L 85U 78N	6036 142:211L 84T 69E 80P
5768 143:201L 70F	6040 143:171L WORD IS +
5770 144:210L 69E 83S 84T 790 82R 69E	6041 144:173L WORD IS -
5777 145:199L 790 83S 85U 66B	6042 145:170L WORD IS *
5782 146:210L 69E 84T 85U 82R 78N	6043 146:175L WORD IS /
5788 147:210L 69E 77M	6044 147:222L
5791 148:211L 84T 790 80P	6045 148:193L 78N 68D
5795 149:197L 76L 83S 69E	6048 149:207L 82R
5799 150:195L 790 80P 89Y	6050 150:190L WORD IS >
5803 151:195L 790 76L 790 82R	6051 151:189L WORD IS =
5808 152:214L 69E 82R 73I 70F 89Y	6052 152:188L WORD IS <
5814 153:129 . 0 0 0 0 0	6053 153:211L 71G 78N
5820 154:129 . 0 0 0 0 0	6056 154:201L 78N 84T
5826 155:129 . 0 0 0 0 0	6059 155:193L 66B 83S
5832 156:195L 82R 85U 78N	6062 156:129 . 0 0
5836 157:205L 790 68D 69E	6065 157:201L 78N 80P
5840 158:211L 790 85U 78N 68D	6068 158:129 . 0 0
5845 159:129 . 0 0 0 0 0	6071 159:211L 81Q 82R
5851 160:207L 85U 84T	6074 160:210L 78N 68D
5854 161:129 . 0	6077 161:204L 790 71G
5856 162:129 . 0 0 0	6080 162:197L 88X 80P
5860 163:129 . 0 0 0 0 0	6083 163:195L 790 83S
5865 164:129 . 0 0	6086 164:211L 73I 78N
5868 165:129 . 0 0	6089 165:212L 65A 78N
5871 166:129 . 0 0 0 0 0	6092 166:193L 84T 78N
5876 167:129 . 0 0 0	6095 167:208L 69E 69E 75K
5880 168:129 . 0 0 0 0 0	6099 168:129 . 0 0
5885 169:129 . 0 0 0	6102 169:129 . 0 0
5889 170:129 . 0 0 0	6105 170:129 . 0 0
5893 171:129 . 0 0 0	6108 171:129 . 0 0
5897 172:129 . 0 0 0	6111 172:129 . 0 0
5901 173:129 . 0 0 0	6114 173:129 . 0 0
5905 174:129 . 0 0 0 0 0	6117 174:129 . 0 0 0
5911 175:204L 80P 82R 73I 78N 84T	6121 175:129 . 0 0 0
5917 176:129 . 0 0	6125 176:129 . 0 0 0
5920 177:208L 790 75K 69E	6129 177:129 . 0 0 0
5924 178:208L 82R 73I 78N 84T	6133 178:129 . 0 0 0
5929 179:195L 790 78N 84T	6137 179:129 . 0 0 0
5933 180:204L 73I 83S 84T	6141 180:129 . 0 0
5937 181:204L 76L 73I 83S 84T	6144 181:204L 69E 78N
5942 182:129 . 0 0 0 0 0	6147 182:211L 84T 82R 36\$
5948 183:129 . 0 0 0	6151 183:214L 65A 76L
5952 184:195L 76L 69E 65A 82R	6154 184:193L 83S 67C
5957 185:195L 76L 790 65A 68D	6157 185:195L 72H 82R 36\$
5962 186:195L 83S 65A 86V 69E	6161 186:204L 69E 70F 84T 36\$
5967 187:206L 69E 87W	6166 187:210L 73I 71G 72H 84T 36\$
5970 188:212L 65A 66B 40(6172 188:205L 73I 68D 36\$
5974 189:212L 790	

D.S.E. GAME - GALAXON - CAT #X-7352

Well D.S.E. have done it again, another excellent VZ game. I wonder how long they have been sitting on this beauty ?

Anyway, let me tell you about Galaxon :-

You must fire at a pack of aliens above you, while trying not to be hit by the diving aliens yourself.

These aliens dive on you from the pack and try to crash into you. To make matters even worse, these diving aliens drop bombs that will surely kill you if you don't avoid them.

In the attacking pack there are three different types of alien and each type is worth a different score.

Also there are more points awarded for hitting the aliens while they are diving rather than hitting them while they are just sitting still in the pack.

If after all this, you manage to avoid the aliens, they reform in the pack at the top of the screen. You get three lives and also get an extra life for every 10,000 points you score.

You would really have to see and play this game to really appreciate how good it really is. It's not an easy game to play, and who would want it to be.

I liked this game from the moment it started loading. First you get a Galaxon title page, followed by an instruction page, which you have a chance to read while the game is loading.

Key control is excellent, as is the joystick option. One thing I felt was a good idea, was using the (J) or (K) key option to start each new game instead of the (S) key. That way if you get sick of using your joysticks and feel like a change, you don't have to switch off and reload to use the keys. (REMEMBER Don't plug in or unplug your joysticks without first TURNING off your VZ, you will do damage to your system if you do).

Galaxon is like a VZ invaders game when you first get started, but are you in for a surprise when these aliens really start moving.

The game is fast moving and excellent use is made of the VZ's graphics and sound effects.

I had trouble turning off my computer once I had started playing this game, and when this happens you know you've got a winner. The programmer "Stephen Clarke" should write and market his own software, if this game is anything to go by.

Anyway, "Galaxon" must follow as a very close second, when it comes to super VZ programs, just behind "Dawn Patrol". D.S.E. haven't had many programs as good as this one, which is a shame, because we users know what the VZ is capable of. Don't we !?

Now that You have made Your AEM4505 SPEECH SYNTHESISER, let's add what could be best described as a TONE control. Before continuing with the construction changes, a word of WARNING.

The two Tone controls should be left in their central positions and only moved minimum amounts to suit ones' own taste. Move the controls TOO far and the Speech Synth will go into Oscilation, if the RESET button doesn't regain control then powering down of the Speech Synth (only) will be neccessry.

YOU have been WARNED.

Construction Notes :-

1> Using a small piece of Vero-board, construct the circuit diagram as shown. I suggest that sockets be installed under the two IC's. Although the diagram looks involved, there are very few wires to connect to the Main 4505 P.C.B. These being :-

GND - 0 Volts

+ 5 Volts

1 wire from the output of the 74LS00 gate to the SPO chip plus

2 wires to the PITCH control and

3 wires to the RANGE control from the small board to the pots.

2> Remove capacitors C4 and C5.

3> Remove X-TAL2 , it's next to the SPO chip.

Reconnecting Notes :-

4> Solder the GND (0 V) wire to the 4505 P.C.B. followed by the +5 Volt wire.

5> Next - solder the wire marked TP on the diagram below into the hole nearest the SPO chip left vacant by the X-TAL. This hole is connected on the P.C.Board to pin 27 of the SPO chip.

6> Connect the remaining wires to their respective control pots.

7> On the BACK of each Control Pot, assuming they are metal, scratch the surface until you have a clean surface. Tin each of these bare spots. From the GND terminal of either the VOL or RANGE pot, run a wire to the back of each pot and solder to the 'Tinned Bare Spots'. This will stop (hopefully) the pots acting as antennas when you touch them - honest.

8> Reconnect any other wires that may have been disconnected when you started on the job.

9> Set the two new pots to their central positions.

O.K. Connect the Speech Synth back onto the VZ and turn on. Everything alright ? Did you get the familiar 'OK' from the Speech Synth ? If not then turn off and check everything from the start.

Load in and RUN "TALK A" and check that the two controls are working.

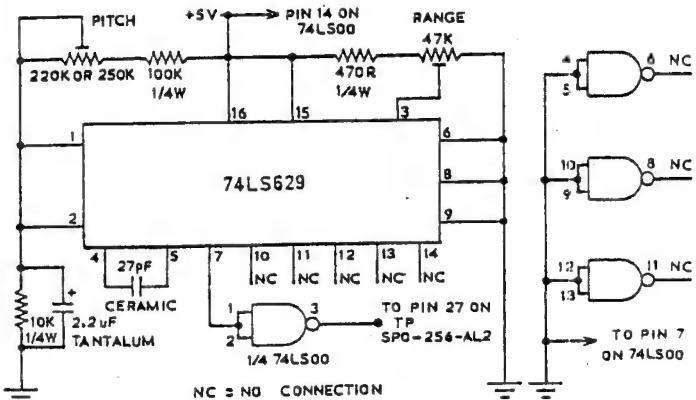
NOTE :- Circuit Diagram and Parts List on next page . . .

Parts List for the Tone Control for AEM 4505 Speech Synth. -
Dick Smith catalogue numbers given where possible.

- 1 - 74LS629 - ALTRONICS Z 8429
 - 1 - 74LS00 - DSE Z-4900
 - 1 - 470R resistor - DSE R-0566
 - 1 - 10K resistor - DSE R-0578
 - 1 - 100K resistor - DSE R-0624
 - 1 - 27pF ceramic capacitor - DSE R-2245

See note below.

 - 1 - 2u2 35 volt Tantalum capacitor - DSE R-4730
 - 1 - 47K or 50K potentiometer - DSE R-1809
 - 1 - 220K potentiometer. Yes Virginia ,
they do exist.
 - 1 - 14 PIN DIP socket - DSE P-4140
 - 1 - 16 PIN DIP socket - DSE P-4160



Note on 27pf cap.: - The value of this cap. may have to be varied from anywhere between 18pf and 33pf. A trimmer cap. from D. Smiths can also be used in place of the fixed value cap. D.S. No# - R2930. It is possible to mount the small board on the back of one of the control pots, this will save using long wires to that pot, PLUS, it saves having to find a mounting place for the small board.

I have made this modification to both my original Speech Synth and my (home made version of the) AEM4505, in either case, the mod works quite well.

Cost - \$12 to \$15 - Happy Hackin'. Dave Boyce June '87

Routine to make the unit Talk.

```
100 A$="HELLO-THERE"  
110 REM WHERE A$ is to be output to the Speech Synthesiser  
120 GOSUB 15020 :REM OR GOTO
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This is the sub-routine to be used :-

THIS IS THE SUB FOLDING OF THE
15010 REM - IN USE => A\$, A and T

15010 REH TR USE , IN,
15020 FOR T=1 TO LEN(A\$)

150220 FOR TLT TO BERTH

15030 A-ABC(RIBS(A),1,1),
15040 OUT13 A :REM OUT13,

15040 0811Z, R - RER 00110, J 1000 10
15050 NEXT

15030 NEXT
15060 LIBRI

15060 LPRINT:LPRINT:REM THESE MUST BE HERE
15070 RETURN :REM OR GOTO 0000 = CONTINUE

15070 RETURN :REF OR GOTO 00000

and then add any strings to be output to the Speech

Make A\$ equal to any String to be output to the Speech Synthesizer.
USE HYPHENS between words, this helps the Speech flow evenly.
2 Hyphens (or more) will slow the Speech down.

Comments have a pausing effect as well.

A (.) Period will make the Spee-

A (.) period will make one speech item pause). 2 Periods (..) will pause even longer.

EXAMPLES :—

10 A\$ = "DOGGER.WFFFWFF-WFF-WFWFWWW-FFF"
TEAM: GNGGWWWWGGG TCG

30 A\$= "WHISPERING.SHSH.SH..SH-SH-SH-SHSHSH-SH-SHSASH"

DOT MATRIX PRINTERS

by Larry Taylor

The VZ is a versatile, little computer, especially if teamed with a peripheral device. When that device is an EPSON type dot matrix printer, its capabilities can greatly enhance the VZ's versatility.

Dot matrix printers form their characters from a series of dots. This type of printer falls into one of two categories either impact or non-impact. There are three main types of non-impact printers, thermal, electrostatic and ink jet. Thermal print heads contain a set of fixed pins, which are heated rapidly to produce a dot on specially treated, heat sensitive paper. Electrostatic print heads, also consist of fixed pins, which produce a tiny electrical discharge between the pins and an aluminium coated paper, forming the dot. Ink jet print heads are comprised of a vertical line of pin holes, through which a fine jet of ink is squirted onto the paper to create each dot.

Currently, impact type printers are the most common. The print head in an impact type printer usually consists of a line of pins arranged vertically. These pins strike against an inked ribbon to leave an impression on the paper. Each pin can be fired independently. By firing all or some of these pins, a column of dots can be formed. The matrix used for most upper case (capital) letters is 5 dots wide and 7 dots high. To produce a character, the pins are fired forming a column of dots. The print head then moves one dot position and the pins fire again. This happens three more times to produce an upper case letter 5 dots wide.

Unfortunately, while the principle of their operation is similar, dot matrix printers differ in other ways. Software codes that are sent from the computer to the printer determine which pins will be fired. Not all printers will react to those codes in the same way. There are basically three families, EPSON, TANDY and APPLE, each conforming to a different standard. Both the EPSON and APPLE types address 8 pin print heads, whilst the TANDY types possess only 7 pins. Each pin is given a weighted value. In the case of EPSON types, the topmost pin has a value of 128, whilst the bottom pin has the value 1. These values are reversed for APPLE and TANDY printers. The bottom pin on a TANDY type is the seventh one and it has the value 64. TANDY type printers will only accept codes in the range from 1 to 127. The GP-100 belongs to the TANDY family and the VZ's ROM is set up to work with this type of printer. Since the codes used aren't compatible with EPSON type printers, a software patch is needed. The value of such a patch can be determined by looking at the relative merits of the two types of printers.

The GP-100 has tractor feed only, which requires the use of paper with sprocket holes. It has a print speed of 30 characters per second (30 cps) and is capable of unidirectional (left to right) printing only. This printer has both character and graphics modes. In character mode it possesses just the one typeface, which has no true descenders. That is, the tails on the lower case letters g,j,p,q and y do not descend below the line as they normally would. The only typestyle change, that can be made to the existing typeface, is that each character can be printed in double width (expanded) form.

On the other hand, software such as the VZ-EPSON Printer Patch, WORDPRO and QUICKWRITE, allows the VZ to make the most of the facilities provided by EPSON type printers. All allow EPSON codes to be sent directly to the printer.

Consequently, instead of being limited to the GP-100's meagre repertoire, a whole range of printers, with a host of enhanced features, is on offer. Most provide tractor and friction paper feeds, though a few require that the tractor feed be bought separately. In some cases, it may be possible to purchase a cut paper feeder, which can be useful, when printing multiple copies of correspondence on single sheets. Logic seeking (where the head looks to move the shortest distance possible) and bidirectional printing (the head prints on both left to right and right to left passes), means speeds can range from a minimum of 80 cps to 200 cps and more. These speeds are, of course, optimum values.

Though most printers possess only two typefaces (character sets), pica and italic, which are stored in an internal ROM, they compensate for this by offering a variety of typestyles. Different typestyles are formed by slightly modifying each character as it is printed. These include elite, condensed and double width. A few printers also offer double height and reverse print. In addition, there are features such as subscript (below the line) and superscript (above the line), emphasized and double strike. Proportional spacing is also available, which adjusts the distance between letters, according to their width. Some printers may have a high density (near letter quality) facility as well. With this the print head makes a second pass along each line, filling in the gaps between the dots, which form each character. Although slower, it results in better formed characters.

The ability to control line feeds to within 1/216 of an inch is desirable when compared to the GP-100's 1/6 of an inch. This is particularly useful to anyone, who has struggled to get mailing labels to line up on the printer. Some even allow the paper to be fed in reverse as well as forward. (This entire article was written using WORDPRO and printed in a single pass. The two column format was achieved by altering margin settings and using the printer's reverse feed.) The standard features all have recognized EPSON codes, whereas other features and their codes may vary from one printer to the next. The following table displays the codes, in decimal form, along with the resulting print type.

Standard Epson Codes

[27,80]	Normal Pica Print
[27,112,1]	Proportional Print
[27,77]	Elite Print
[27,52]	Italic Print
[14]	Double Width
[15]	Condensed Print
[27,69]	Emphasized Print
[27,71]	Double Strike Print
[27,45,1]	Underlined Print
[27,83,0]	Superscript Print
[27,83,1]	Subscript Print

Non-Standard Codes

[27,97,1]	High Density Print
[27,126,50,1]	REVERSED PRINT
[27,104]	DOUBLE HEIGHT

Whilst there is considerable standardization of EPSON print codes, there seems to be very little when it comes to the format used to present them. When examining printer manuals, the presentation of these codes can appear quite confusing. Some examples are given below. Each is supposed to show which codes are needed to switch on Emphasized Print. As shown in the table, this simply involves sending the two values 27 and 69 to the printer.

Printer Manual 1	ESC+E	[45, C5]H, [69,197] D]
Printer Manual 2	ESC E	
Printer Manual 3	<ESC>	69 45 .
Printer Manual 4	<ESC>	E
Printer Manual 5	[1B]H	[45]H or [27],o [69],o

If you're confused by the above, don't feel bad, I found it just as difficult to understand? Basically the codes are presented in three ways, ASCII, Decimal (Base 10) and Hexadecimal (Base 16). ESC stands for Escape and represents the Decimal value 27. In Hexadecimal form the value 27 is equal to 1B. If a number has no identifying character or is followed by either a D or 10, then it is considered to be a decimal number. If it is followed by an H or 16, then it is considered to be Hexadecimal. So the three ways of representing the code required to switch an EPSON printer to Emphasized mode are summarised below.

ASCII	ESC E
Decimal	27 69
Hexadecimal	1B 45

In VZ BASIC it would be accomplished by:

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LPRINT CHR$(27); "E";
or LPRINT CHR$(27);CHR$(69);
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Word processing software such as QUICKWRITE and WORDPRO allow print codes to be embedded in the text. Since these programs bypass the VZ's printer driver, any code value used will be sent directly to the printer. The following examples, illustrate how each of these programs enable a change of typeface at the beginning of a line.

QUICKWRITE embeds codes at the start of a line of text. The code must be preceded by a carriage return <CR>.

eg. <CR>[27][52]This is a word processing program.

WORDPRO uses printer control lines which are preceded by a print flag <PF> and end in a carriage return <CR>.

eg. <PF>N=27,52<CR>

This is a word processing program.

The result, when printed from either program is as follows:

This is a word processing program.

Although the manual says otherwise, WORDPRO is able to change typefaces in the middle of a line. The procedure is a little more complicated and involves turning the line feed command on and off. My thanks to John Chapman for supplying the method used.

eg. <PF>F=N<CR> (set line feed off)
 This is a<CR>
 <PF>N=27,52<CR> (switch italics on)
 Word processing<CR>
 <PF>N=27,53 F=Y<CR> (italics off, line feed on)
 program.

The result, when printed is as follows:

This is a word processing program.

I've been informed that a recently updated version of QUICKWRITE will also be able to do this.

Whilst both of these approaches are satisfactory, they require the user to be familiar with all of the different print codes. Some word processing packages allow a label to be assigned to each print code, when the program is first set up. These can then be inserted in the text as required without the user having to know the code.

One problem often experienced, when attempting to use the VZ with an EPSON type printer, is that EPSON codes often alternate the values 1 and 0, for switching on and off a particular feature. For instance, the code used to enable and disable underlining [27,45,n] is identical, except for the last value n. Using the value n=1 selects underlining, whilst the value n=0 turns it off. The current VZ printer routine will not allow the value 0 through to the printer. Therefore, switching on underlining will work, but switching it off will not, and the same applies to similarly structured codes. Also affected, is any print code value greater than 127, which will be interpreted by the VZ's ROM routine as being either a graphics or inverse character. Since TANDY type printers do not store any characters in this range, the value will be intercepted by the VZ's ROM and replaced by a stream of graphics data. Whilst this data will enable a printer such as the GP-100, to print the character, it will not be compatible with an EPSON printer.

These difficulties can be overcome by using a printer patch or by sending the value directly out the printer ports (ODH and OEH). Print codes sent to the printer in this way, will be acted on without interference. It should be noted, however, that any characters printed by an EPSON printer, corresponding to codes in the range from 95 to 255, will not be the same as those displayed on the VZ's screen.

A number of printers come equipped with a RAM buffer. Instead of the computer being tied up waiting for the printer, the buffer acts as a storage area for data to be printed and so frees the computer sooner. A second use, is as an area for downloadable characters. These are shapes, which the user may design or which are modifications of the existing character set. By storing these shapes in the buffer, the printer can print them, as if they were part of the normal set.

In bit-image (graphics) mode, print resolutions ranging from 480 to 1920 dots per line are possible. This mode allows the printing of shapes not held in the printer's ROM and is used when doing a dump of a HIRES screen. It should be noted that the VZ's screen is only 128 pixels wide. The printer is capable of 15 times this resolution, allowing it to depict much finer detail than is possible on screen.

In the world of printers, the primary standard has been set by EPSON. There can be no doubt of this, since the majority of printer and computer manufacturers produce equipment, which conforms to it. IBM's adoption of the standard is further confirmation. Even the TANDY printers, offer, in their latest models, an IBM-EPSON compatible mode. Your VZ may not be able to compete in the real world, but your printer can. Selecting an EPSON type printer to partner your VZ, means stepping into the mainstream of the computing world. When you finally outgrow your VZ, you will still have a useful peripheral that's able to communicate with almost any computer you happen to choose.

EXTENDED DOS VERSION 1.0 (C) COMMANDS :-

MERGE - MERGES basic file from disk with program in memory.

DIRA - See example - T:MENU B:PATCH3.1 B:WORDPROC
B:EXTDOS E B:EXTDOS R W:DOS-INST

LDIRA - As above, but to screen and printer.

DIRB - See example - T:MENU 01 00 7AE9 801B 0532
B:PATCH3.1 01 0B 7200 771F 051F

LDIRB - As above, but to screen and printer.

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HEX XXXX - Converts HEX to DECIMAL

STATUSA and LSTATUSA also works with Version 1.0 DOS.

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